Newsletter No 18
21st June, 2012

TERM CALENDAR

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PLEASE SIGN UP TO RECEIVE YOUR ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE (ADDRESS ABOVE)
(Limited printed copies are available from the office.)

TUESDAY 26th JUNE
Parent Teacher Interviews 1.30pm Dismissal
2pm Interviews begin….. BOOKINGS CLOSE
MONDAY 25th JUNE 4PM

Just go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au put in the school code 9FQ3C and follow the simple instructions. Remember that if you do not have internet access you need to contact the school office to arrange a suitable time.

LAST DAY TERM 2 FRIDAY 29th JUNE
2.30pm DISMISSAL
NON UNIFORM DAY DIABETES AUSTRALIA GOLD COIN DONATION

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
Condolences
Thank you to all the students and their families who have shown care and support to Amanda, Callista, Zach and their extended family after the recent death of their husband and father Brett.

Brett was a regular visitor to school over the last year and made worthwhile contributions to the playgroup.

I remember Brett being a very keen “Santa Claus” helper and always there ready to tuck into morning tea (especially if it was Annamaria’s egg sandwiches or something choclatey!). The School Council extends their deepest sympathies to the family and will put whatever they can in place to support them through this difficult time.

Brett’s funeral will be held at 2.00pm on Thursday 28 July at Tobin Brother’s Funeral home in Sunbury. A burial at Sunbury Cemetery will follow.

Children’s Safety
A concerned grandparent has bought to my attention some of the unsafe riding habits of the local children in this dark and wintry weather.

Children are not looking as they come out of their driveways on bikes, others are wearing dark clothes when riding; some are wearing no helmets and riding in the middle of the road.

She is very concerned to see local students playing “chicken” with cars.

With holidays coming up, it is an important reminder to play and stay safe!!
Earthquake
Tuesday night’s earthquake was a talking point at school on Wednesday. A directive from DEECD encourages teachers to talk to the students about earthquakes to reduce fear and anxiety. We have encouraged students to ask questions and express their feelings by talking or drawing. We are also mindful that recent earthquakes in New Zealand may impact on some of our students.

Bunnings “WE WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU!”
Sunbury Bunnings would like to thank all its volunteers in the community for all the hard work running the sausage sizzles at their store. On Wednesday 11th July between 6pm – 8pm Bunnings have asked that the organiser of our Sausage Sizzles John Lillywhite to attend a thank you evening on our behalf. It will be an evening, with dinner being provided. Activities on the night include
- Door prize
- Short info session on sausage sizzles for 2012/2013
- Special V.I.P access to shop on the night.
- Contributions to date and preferred method of assistance
- D.I.Y Tuesday’s
- Major projects and how we can help

We would like to thank Marie at Bunnings for supporting our school and John for representing our school.

SDRN NETWORK
Sunbury Heights Primary School is part of the Sunbury Diggers Rest Network and, as such, participates strongly in a range of activities that aim to enhance the education experiences as well as learning and teaching practices throughout Sunbury and Diggers Rest.

Recently, the Network has applied and has been successful for funding a Community Hub in Sunbury. The hub, designed to respond to needs of families with 6 – 12 year olds, will be based at Sunbury Heights, but will be managed by the Network and provides opportunities for families from all schools.

The network also has a number of professional learning activities for teachers. Learning Networks operate for Literacy, Numeracy and Inquiry, bringing teachers together once per term to share best practice.

The Principals and Assistant Principals also meet twice per term and share strategies and approaches for enhancing and sustaining improvement in schools.

Next term the schools will come together to hear from our Regional Director – who will talk about the Region’s strategies relating to “Curiosity”, which are already a focus for us as a school.

Rugby
Congratulations to the senior students who represented the school at the Rugby Gala Day. All three teams made the grand finals and were ably led by their captains. Of the three teams, the grade 5 boy’s team took out the Grand Final. The teams would like to thank Miss Ratkowski, Mrs Langmaid, Mr Simpson, Mrs Matenga, Amy Lines and Gemma Jones for their coaching and support on the day. Miss Ratkowski was thrilled to see the number of families at Langama Park supporting their children.

Footsteps – Senior School
The Senior School begin their Footsteps Dancesports session next term and notes were distributed today. Please complete and return as soon as possible. The sessions are valuable and cover aspects of dance and physical education, singing, performance and arts. Footsteps also support our school values of persistence, getting along, confidence and emotional resilience.

Parent Teacher Interviews
If you haven’t booked a time for the parent teacher interviews please go online and make an appointment. Bookings close at 4 o’clock on Monday.

We are looking forward to catching up with you all on Tuesday 26 June at Parent Teacher Interviews. Parent Teacher Interviews are an opportunity for you to ask questions and gather more details about the information provided on the student report. It is a great opportunity for you to become more involved in your child’s learning and provide support where needed. We encourage students to be involved in the interview process. All students from across all grade levels have prepared a reflection, portfolio or will be demonstrating an aspect of their learning. After the interview:
- Keep in regular contact with the teacher to follow up on a mutually agreed plan
- Talk together with your child about what you have discussed and how you can work together to improve their learning

School will conclude for the day at 1.30pm for all students.

Students may be:
- dismissed
- attend After School Care
- be supervised by specialised teaching staff, if it is impossible for you to make alternate arrangements

Working Bee
Last Sunday a very successful working bee was held at the school. The local Baptist Church were “Here to Help” as part of their gift giving philosophy. Wearing “Here to Help” t-shirts at least fifty volunteers completed many outside and inside maintenance tasks that have mounted up. Apart from general maintenance the volunteers were particularly here to spread mulch on the vegetable garden and erect a fence around it. Mr de Waart and Leo (our handyman) were amazed at how much was achieved and cannot thank Pastor James Natsis and the people from the church enough for all their hard work.

Our partnership with the church went a long way to ensuring we received the Western Water $1000 grant last week. Western water were very pleased to see we had the wider community involved in the school.

The staff who attended Mrs Hill, Mrs Caddaye, Mrs Tyers, Mr de Waart and Leo enjoyed a morning tea with the volunteers and I also thank Jo Miller and Kerry Scott for the preparation. A big thank you to Kerry for coming on the morning to help me prepare and serve the food.
There will be a need for more working bees as Mr de Waart works towards getting a "chook pen " erected and planting the gardens ready for a summer crop. It is hoped our own school community can become just as involved in the program that will be of great benefit to our school.

Uniform
Please ensure your child is dressed warmly and appropriately for winter conditions. There is a uniform policy that School Council has approved and it states for winter that girls will wear either a school pinafore or tracksuit pants. Summer dresses with leggings, shorts or netball skirts are not appropriate for the weather conditions. Boys should be wearing tracksuit pants with either a jumper or jackets. Wherever possible we send students out into the fresh air during recess breaks. They need to be dressed appropriately and in warm school uniform items of clothing.

Here are the girls wearing appropriate winter uniform.

Regards
Kaye Mills
Principal

PUPIL OF THE WEEK – WEEK ENDING 22nd JUNE

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<td>Junior Xuereb</td>
<td>Mitchell Crosland</td>
<td>For trying hard with his work.</td>
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<td>Junior Danaher</td>
<td>Declan Corcoran</td>
<td>For trying hard with his writing.</td>
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<td>Junior Hill</td>
<td>Kaiden Mitchell</td>
<td>For being focussed when working on his stories.</td>
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<td>Junior Wilson</td>
<td>Illyana Baraci</td>
<td>For making a big effort to improve her handwriting.</td>
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<td>Middle Tyers</td>
<td>Daniel Penny</td>
<td>For completing his work and helping others For excellent work.</td>
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<td>Matthew McGann</td>
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<td>Middle Knight</td>
<td>Nicholas Diss</td>
<td>For showing dignity when both winning and losing.</td>
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<td>Middle Pianura</td>
<td>Chloe Gallant</td>
<td>Improvement with her reading comprehension.</td>
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<td>Senior Andersen</td>
<td>Shelby Magnone</td>
<td>For writing an excellent procedural text on family recipes.</td>
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<td>Senior Langmaid</td>
<td>Nikita Allan-Reardon</td>
<td>For completing 100 reading lessons.</td>
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<td>Miss Ratkowski PE</td>
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<td>For a wonderful session in PE.</td>
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<td>Mrs Caddaye ART</td>
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<td>For a great session in Art.</td>
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Hi Everyone,
I'm Cred one of the Dollarmites. Banking at school every week is a great way to learn how to save, participate in a great rewards program and raise money for your school. When a student from the school banks 5 times at school between 16th April and June 30th they can then enter the “Dollarmize me” competition. Go to the website: www.commbank.com.au/beadollarmite and enter your best Savings Tip. Keep going if you have yet to bank 5 times boys and girls.

School Banking is every Tuesday

PS: If you don’t have a school bank account yet, please visit your nearest CBA Branch, log onto Netbank or download an application form from our website www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and start banking.

SUNBURY GYMNASITC COLLEGE

KIDS DISCO on Friday 22nd June
Dress up - Winter Theme (scarf, beanie etc)
Where: Sunbury Gymnastic College, 12-14 Sussex Crt, Sunbury
Time: 6–8pm
Cost is $10 (includes Entry, Sausage in Bread & a Drink)
Parents to sign In & Out, welcome to stay or drop off. (No Passouts)
All Welcome - don't need to be a gymnastics member to come along and have a bit of fun!

ART ROOM
Donation of the following items would be appreciated for activities in Art: wool, clean takeaway food containers, ice cream containers, jar lids and plastic shopping bags.

SCHOOL BANKING DAY IS TUESDAY

To the following students to the 24th June
Adam Quirke, Georgia Sciberras, Connor Davidson, Erynn Bulmer-Smyth, Kristen Matenga

Wanted Containers
Students need to bring a container (eg.: 4 litre ice cream size) to school next Wednesday. Students will be collecting rocks from our oval to use in a short film we are making. Thanks Mr de Waart
Firstly, due to the success of the campaign thus far, we are extending our program until the 12th August 2012. That's three more weeks to earn valuable stickers for your school.

**SHOPPING TOUR**
Parents and Friends Committee have organised a Shopping Tour with “Tartan Tours”

**When:** Saturday November 10th, 2012.

**Costs:** $65.00 per person with a $30 deposit per person NO LATER than Friday 27th July.
**Full payment will be due by Friday 12th October, 2012.**
Any queries please contact Kylie Gifford on 9746-3338 or 0448 440 075 or giffysgirl@gmail.com or kyliejifford@bigpond.com

**2ND HAND UNIFORM SHOP**
Will be open TUESDAY 2nd AUGUST
1st Tuesday of every month
2.45pm - 3.15pm
For more details please contact
Angela on 0432 038 224

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**Earn & Learn 2012**

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**READY SET GO!**
**Sports For Schools is off and running!**
Start collecting vouchers – get more sporting equipment.

From now until August 15th you can collect Sports For Schools vouchers, by shopping at any Coles, Bi-Lo or Pick’n’ Pay store or at Coles online.

**And for this week, you can double your vouchers!**

You will receive 2 vouchers for every $10 spent from Wednesday until Sunday 24th June.
Plus don't forget to look for bonus products throughout the program where you can boost your voucher tally by earning 1 voucher for every Bonus Voucher marked product.